GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NON-AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES IN CGHS DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CGHS beneficiaries are facing a lot of difficulties due to non-availability of medicines in CGHS dispensaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether CGHS authorized Chemists have stopped their medical supplies to CGHS as their dues have not been cleared;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to tackle this situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The CGHS beneficiaries are generally getting medicines from the dispensaries and the drugs not available in the dispensary are indented with the authorised local chemists and supplied to the beneficiaries.

(c) to (e): The local chemists appointed under CGHS Delhi have not stopped the supply of medicines to the dispensaries except in the following dispensaries since they have not responded to the extension given to them by the CGHS for a period of two months after expiry of their contract on 28.2.2003:-

1. R.K.Puram, Sector-II dispensary.

2. Lajpat Nagar

3. Jangpura.

4. Srinivaspuri.

5. Chanakyapuri

6. Chitragputa Road

7 Ghaziabad

8. Gurgaon

The CGHS beneficiaries attached to the above dispensaries have been allowed to purchase medicines from open market on the valid prescriptions duly authorised by the concerned CMO In-charge. The reimbursement claims of such purchases will be settled by the concerned Department in the case of serving employees and by the CGHS(HQ) in the case of pensioner beneficiaries of CGHS.